

Claims in the Application

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~In~~ a method of trapping and/or killing ~~pests, such as~~ controlling insects, wherein at least a part of a ~~pest~~ an insect to be trapped or killed is exposed to a particulate composition ~~comprising~~ including particles containing ~~or consisting of~~ at least one electromagnetically sensitive ~~magnetic material, in combination with one or more pesticides or behaviour modifying chemicals, such that the insect slips into or onto a trap proximate the composition, an improvement comprising including in the electromagnetically sensitive material~~ at least one magnetic material.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of from 2 to 100 μm .

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the magnetic material ~~is~~ includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the particles ~~are applied to a surface in an area in which pests are present, preferably~~ adhere by a magnetic force to a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of hard magnetic particles material.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein ~~the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical is admixed with the particles of the magnetic material~~ includes strontium ferrite.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~where the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical is coated onto the particles of the magnetic material~~ wherein the insect includes a cockroach and the part of the insect includes a foot.

8. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.

9. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.

10. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claims 8 or 9 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.

11. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

12. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

13. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the behaviour modifying chemical is a pheromone.

14. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

15. (Currently Amended) A ~~In a pestieidal cockroach affecting composition in particulate form which comprises~~ includes composite electromagnetically sensitive particles each comprising a core of an inert substance having a pesticide or behaviour modifying effect upon contact with a cockroach foot chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith, and the core being impregnated or coated with, an improvement comprising including in the particles a magnetic material.

16. (Currently Amended) A pesticide composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the ~~core comprises silicone dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer~~ magnetic material is at least 10% by weight.

17. (Cancelled) A pesticidal composition in particulate form which comprises particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material in admixture with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical or particles of a magnetic material coated with a pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical.

18. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

19. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

20. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the behaviour modifying chemical is a pheromone.

21. (Currently Amended) A ~~pesticide~~ composition as claimed in claim 15 or 16 wherein the ~~pesticide or behaviour modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles~~ magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

22. (Currently Amended) A ~~pesticide~~ composition as claimed in claims 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material is includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ In an insect trap which comprises a housing, a zone of the housing or a zone within the housing ~~comprising a magnetically polarized material and the said zone being coated with~~ having a composition comprising electromagnetically sensitive particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material of opposite polarity to that of the magnetically polarized material, the improvement comprising including in the composition a magnetic material.

24. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the housing includes a magnetically polarizedable material ~~is formed by a portion of at least one wall of the housing.~~

25. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarizedable material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

26. (Original) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

27. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material is includes a hard ferromagnetic oxide.

28. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the ~~said zone is coated with particles of a pesticidal composition as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 20~~ magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

29. (New) An insect trap as claimed in claim 28 wherein the magnetic material includes at least 10% by weight of strontium ferrite.

30. (New) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 structured to trap cockroaches.